

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:                 | ) |                         |
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| Toshihiko Zenpo et al.                | ) | Group Art Unit: 1793    |
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| Application No.: 10/534,032           | ) | Examiner: Pegah Parvini |
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| Filed: May 6, 2005                    | ) |                         |
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| For: Dry Aggregate Mixture, Method of | ) | Confirmation No.: 2383  |
| Foundry Molding Using Dry Aggregate   | ) |                         |
| Mixture and Casting Core              | ) |                         |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2008, **the period for response having been extended to April 17, 2009 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.